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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5 and 7-14.
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3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 10/11/2006
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

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8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Christopher Bennett on October 30, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 5 (amended): A laminated coil component comprising:

a coil conductor including a plurality of strip electrodes and via-holes for connecting predetermined ends of the strip electrodes inside a ceramic laminate;

wherein an axis of the coil conductor corresponds with a width direction of the ceramic laminate, which is substantially perpendicular to both a thickness direction and a length direction of the ceramic laminate.

wherein the laminated coil component further comprises external electrodes disposed at end regions in the length direction on a main surface in the lamination direction of the ceramic laminate and connected to the ends of the coil conductor.

Claim 6 (cancel).

Claim 7 (amended): The laminated coil component according to claim 5, wherein the external electrodes cover regions where the via-holes are arranged.

Claim 8 (amended): The laminated coil component according to claim 5, wherein the external electrodes are spaced from edges of the main surface of the ceramic laminate.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The laminated coil component according to claim 5, wherein the via-holes are filled with a conductive material.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The laminated coil component according to claim 9, wherein the conductive material is Ag paste.

Claim 11 (amended): The laminated coil component according to claim 5, wherein the external electrodes include a Ni base layer and an Au layer disposed on the Ni base layer.

Claim 12 (amended): The laminated coil component according to claim 5, wherein the external electrodes include a Ni base layer and a Sn layer disposed on the Ni base layer.

Claim 13 (amended): The laminated coil component according to claim 5, wherein the external electrodes include a pair of top electrodes spaced apart from one another on a main surface of the ceramic laminate and a bottom electrode disposed directly below the top electrodes in the ceramic laminate.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The laminated coil component according to claim 5, wherein coil conductor is spiral-shaped.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TUYEN T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is 571-272-1996. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ELVIN ENAD can be reached on 571-272-1990. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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